

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----X	:	
	:	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	
-v-	:	21cr495 (DLC)
	:	
JOEL ALVAREZ-ESPINAL,	:	<u>ORDER</u>
	:	
Defendant.	:	
	:	
-----X	:	

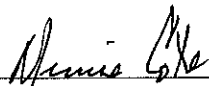
DENISE COTE, District Judge:

Criminal jury trials have resumed in the Southern District of New York. Jury trials are being conducted in compliance with the safety procedures implemented in this district. In order to comply with those safety procedures, jury trials require complex planning and coordination. This district is currently planning to accommodate criminal jury trials that should occur between April and June 2022.

At the initial conference held on November 7, 2021, the trial in this case was scheduled to occur on **April 4, 2022**. It is anticipated that, should the defendant wish to resolve the charges by entering a plea of guilty, he will confer with the Government and arrange with the Court to enter a plea no later than three weeks before the date scheduled for trial. It is hereby

ORDERED that defense counsel shall advise the Court by **February 8, 2022** whether the defendant currently intends to proceed to trial.

Dated: New York, New York  
January 19, 2022

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DENISE COTE  
United States District Judge